

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-01-5
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR**

(Issued July 5, 2001)

On June 22, 2001, Ag Processing Inc. (Ag Processing) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) pending request for an electric rate increase, identified as Docket No. RPU-01-5. Ag Processing, a large industrial customer of MidAmerican's, stated that any rate changes would have a direct impact on its business.

Ag Processing was previously granted intervenor status in the rate reduction petition filed against MidAmerican by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice, identified as Docket No. RPU-01-3. The Board will grant the petition to intervene. Both dockets deal with the rates to be charged by MidAmerican and Ag Processing has alleged sufficient interest to be granted intervenor status.

Accompanying the petition was a request for permission to appear filed by Patrick J. Joyce, an attorney licensed in Nebraska but not in Iowa. Mr. Joyce filed with his request the appearance of Iowa counsel for purposes of service of process

pursuant to Iowa Supreme Court rule 116. The request for permission to appear will also be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition to intervene filed by Ag Processing Inc. on June 22, 2001, is granted.
2. The request for permission to appear filed by Patrick J. Joyce is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5th day of July, 2001.